

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 NIKIE KING,

11 v.  
12 Plaintiff,

13 GEICO INSURANCE and DEPARTMENT  
14 HIGHWAY SAFETY MOTOR VEHICLE,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR20-1557-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.  
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 Plaintiff Nikie King filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a proposed *pro  
18 se* complaint naming as Defendants Geico Insurance Company and the Department of Highway  
19 Safety and Motor Vehicles in West Palm Beach, Florida (Dkt. Nos. 1, 1-1). Under 28 U.S.C. §  
20 1391(b), civil actions in federal court may be brought, with limited exceptions, only in the  
21 judicial district where defendants reside or in a judicial district in which a substantial part of the  
22 events giving rise to the claim occurred. When a case is filed in the wrong district, the court  
23 “shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in  
24 which it could have been brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

25 Although Plaintiff’s factual allegations are unclear, they appear to involve Florida  
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1 defendants and relate to events that took place in Florida and to ongoing court proceedings in  
2 Florida. The Court therefore ORDERS Plaintiff to show cause why this matter should not be  
3 dismissed for improper venue under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Plaintiff must file her response within  
4 twenty-one (21) days of the date of this Order.

5 DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2020.

6 William M. McCool  
7 Clerk of Court

8 s/Paula McNabb  
9 Deputy Clerk